



BERKELEY DIVISION

December 9, 2011

TO: Chancellor Birgeneau  
FROM: Nick Robinson, Chair, LAUC-B Executive Committee  
RE: Academic Senate Resolutions of Nov. 28, 2011

The Executive Committee of the Librarians Association of the University of California, Berkeley Division (LAUC-B), in fulfillment of its duty to advise the Chancellor on governance matters of concern to all librarians (LAUC-B bylaws, Article III, Section 1), wishes to express its support for the four resolutions approved by the Academic Senate on November 28, 2011.

**We urge you to take immediate steps to implement the recommendations of the Academic Senate.**

As librarians, we have a professional responsibility to uphold freedom of speech and assembly. We affirm the following statement by our principal professional organization:

"The American Library Association opposes any use of governmental prerogative that leads to the intimidation of individuals that prevents them from exercising their rights to hold opinions without interference, and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas. We urge libraries and librarians everywhere to resist such abuse of governmental power, and to support those against whom such governmental power has been employed."

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/universalright.cfm>

**We are in agreement with the following resolutions:**

(Revised) Resolution proposed by: Wendy Brown, Professor, Political Science; Barrie Thorne, Professor, Gender and Women's Studies/Sociology; Judith Butler, Professor, Rhetoric.

<http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/committees/division/meetings/resolution11-24wauthors.pdf>

(Revised) Resolution proposed by: Brian A. Barsky, Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, and Jonathan Simon, Professor, Law.

[http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/committees/division/meetings/resolution\\_b-barskysimon-rev-for\\_web\\_4.pdf](http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/committees/division/meetings/resolution_b-barskysimon-rev-for_web_4.pdf)

Resolution proposed by: David Hollinger, Professor, History, and Thomas Laqueur, Professor, History.

[http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/committees/division/meetings/resolution\\_c-hollingerlaqueur-for\\_web.pdf](http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/committees/division/meetings/resolution_c-hollingerlaqueur-for_web.pdf)

Resolution proposed by: Kurt C. Organista, Professor, Social Welfare

[http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/committees/division/meetings/resolution\\_d-organista-for\\_web.pdf](http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/committees/division/meetings/resolution_d-organista-for_web.pdf)

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs LeGrande  
Academic Senate Chair Jacobsen  
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